

Technology in the Fast Lane

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Tools that make me **FAST AND (not) FURIOUS**:

EFFICIENCY TOOLS

Calendar:

Google Calendar- calendar that is web-based, embeddable, and printable; make calendars for everyone in the family.

<http://google.com/calendar>

Searching the Web:

Diigo- social bookmarks, highlighting, annotations, groups, lists, tags

<http://diigo.com>

Office applications and collaboration:

Google Docs- office tools with collaboration and sharing kicker

<http://docs.google.com>

Website and communication:

Wikispaces- student work, embedded stuff, updates, storage all in one spot

<http://www.wikispaces.com/site/for/teachers>

URL shortener:

TinyUrl- copy and paste any long web address onto this site (even pick a keyword for it) and PRESTO! You get a new short url.

<http://tinyurl.com>

Image manipulation:

Jing- downloadable software that captures, edits, resizes, and annotates images from web

<http://www.jingproject.com>

Fotoflexer- online photo manipulation site that has all the bells and whistles of Photoshop

<http://www.fotoflexer.com>

Pictures:

Pics4Learning- teacher friendly clip art and pics that are royalty free.

<http://www.pics4learning.com>

Flickrcc- a creative commons search for photos in Flickr

<http://flickrcc.com>

Videos:

Download Helper- Firefox extension to download .flv or .swf videos (from Youtube) onto your computer. <http://www.downloadhelper.net/>

Flash Player:

SWF & FLV Player- plays any downloaded movies or objects that are in these formats

<http://tinyurl.com/swfplayer>

Video/audio converter:

Tunebite- free download that takes most all video or audio formats (even those pesky iTunes downloads) and converts them so you can edit or manipulate them. <http://tinyurl.com/4ql3q9>

TECHNOLOGY INTEGRATION TOOLS:

Testmaker:

Quizstar- create quizzes and keep up with data, classes, etc

<http://quizstar.4teachers.org/>

Creative quizzes and embeddable quizzes

<http://www.mystudiyo.com/>

Blogs:

Edublogs- safe, easy site to create collaborative communication with students or teachers

<http://www.edublogs.org>

Chat or Interactive communication:

Skype- voice over Internet app that allows voice, groups, chat, video, buddies <http://www.skype.com>

Music or audio editing:

Audacity- free download audio editor to use for music, podcasting, etc.

<http://audacity.sourceforge.net/>

Podcasting:

GCast- podcast recording from any phone.

<http://www.gcast.com>

Podomatic- online storage and podcast making software

<http://www.podomatic.com>

Surveys:

Poll Everywhere- poll the class from their computers or their cellphones

<http://www.poll everywhere.com>

Screen recording:

Camstudio- records your screen and audio, cursor, narration, etc.

<http://camstudio.org/>

Games:

Freerice- vocabulary (geography and other subjects coming) game that motivates students to get correct answers because each one provides a certain amount of rice to a hungry person through World Hunger

Organization . <http://freerice.com>

Template games- games to put into Power Point or other programs that you can edit and manipulate for your classes.

<http://tinyurl.com/schoolgames>

Presentations:

Prezi- new tool that allows you to zoom and move during the presentation (cures "death by Power Point")

<http://prezi.com>

Sites to Explore:

- Elementary Links with subject breakdown: <http://tinyurl.com/elementarytools>
- Great list of tools with specific uses: <http://etoolbox.wikispaces.com/Choosing+Tools>
- Mostly elementary tools like printables : <http://www.internet4classrooms.com/teachertools.htm>
- Games for all ages and subjects: <http://www.schooltimegames.com/index.html>
- Games that are socially conscious: <http://blog.missiontolearn.com/2008/04/learning-games-for-change/>
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